--- RG-655 - 6 Cigars - Series "C" - 1938 - *imperforate* - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

--- "General Cigars", Montreal [6-10D] - January to December [1947-50] ---

The first listed use of **RG-655**, the *imperforate* six cigar Series "C", by "General Cigars", Montreal, was in the second week of January 1947. The hidden letters are "K-U", which probably indicates die approval in 1940 or 1941.

2AVA - 2nd week of January 1947

1ABC - 1st week of July 1949

[RG-655]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1947	---	---	1CVA	---	1BVB	1CVB	---	1BVC	---	1AVD	---	1CVD
	2AVA	---	2CVA	2AVB	2BVB	2CVB	---	---	2CVC	2AVD	2BVD	2CVD
	---	---	---	3AVB	3BVB	3CVB	3AVC	3BVC	3CVC	---	3BVD	3CVD
	4AVA	---	4CVA	4AVB	4BVB	4CVB	4AVC	4BVC	4CVC	4AVD	4BVD	---
1948	1AAA	1BAA	1CAA	1AAB	---	1CAB	1AAC	---	---	---	1BAD	1DAD
	2AAA	2BAA	2CAA	2AAB	---	2CAB	---	---	---	---	2BAD	---
	3AAA	3BAA	3CAA	---	---	---	---	---	3CAC	---	3BAD	---
	4AAA	---	4CAA	4AAB	---	4CAB	4AAC	---	---	---	4BAD	---
1949	---	---	---	1ABB	---	1CBB	1ABC	---	1CBC	---	---	---
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	3ABA	3BBA	3CBA	---	3BBB	3CBB	---	3BAC	---	---	3BBD	---
	---	4BBA	4CBA	4ABB	---	4CBB	4ABC	4BAC	---	---	---	---
1950	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	2ACA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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	4ACA	---	4CCA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

** **2BBD** is from the *box collection*, on a package of **PUNCH PANETELAS**

NOTE: All of the black or red codes listed (e.g. **1ATC, 125, 4205** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **3BBC**) were taken from eBay and ***are not*** in the collection.

--- "General Cigars", Montreal [6-10D] - a 5 mm. Gothic four-digit <u>horizontal</u> black number - from 1952-54 ---

In June 1951 Imperial Tobacco dropped their letter coding system and began a three digit number series starting at **124** (which I presume represented the 24th week of 1951). "General Cigars", Montreal, also switched to this system as they were a subsidiary of Imperial Tobacco. The cancellation collection does not contain a three digit black numbered example used by **6-10D** on the six cigar **RG-655**.

According to an old collection **129-130**, and **134-138** (inclusive), were not used due to a plant strike at Imperial Tobacco, and **145-200** were omitted due to a plant shut-down.

At **2332** the cancellation is in black ink, and the 2½ mm. **6-10D** company code now reads horizontally across the top. I would guess that the numbers prefixed **2000** represent 1952 - and the two central figures indicate the *week of production*.

RG-655 - 6 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2262 / 6-10D** by the "General Cigar Co.", Montreal, from the 26th week of 1952

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The collection contains only the above illustrated 4 mm. four digit black coded stamp used by **6-10D**. Probably by 1953-54 (the **3000** and **4000** sequences) their cigar production was by "Imperial Tobacco Sales Company of Canada Ltd.", Montreal, using the company code **2-10D**.

On the green five cigar **G-333**, "General Cigars", Montreal, used the following: **2363**, **2401** and **126** which complement the preceding six cigar code.

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